

Many of us have had the great pleasure of seeing and hearing Miss D'Prager. She came to us, as she said, to "see the good people who had sent the Gospel to her people," and also to thank them that through the sending of that Gospel message she had been brought into the life and liberty of the Gospel. Our sister has visited many of our homes and churches. The homes are a revelation to her, these Christian homes of ours. The churches she admired, but they are a pain. "Why should Nova Scotia have so many, and India so few?" "How can people help being good in this country?" she asked one day. "Why, your very trees, your rivers and streams, your beautiful climate all point to God." She realizes now how much our missionaries give up when they leave here for India. Full houses and earnest listeners have greeted our sister everywhere. God grant that the impetus given to us by her words may remain long after she has returned to her work. Miss D'Prager expects, after a rest of two days in St. John, with our President, Mrs. Manning, to visit Montreal and Toronto before leaving for England, via New York.

Instead of one Treasurer in our W. B. M. U. we have two this year. Our work has grown to such dimensions that Mrs. Smith asked to be relieved of the Mission Band money; so the Treasurers of our Mission Bands will please take notice that all Mission Band money is to be sent to Mrs. A. F. Fownes, St. Martin's, N. B.

Sometimes our leaders hardly know how to manage when a Junior Union comes along, and the question was asked at St. Martin's, "Shall we give up the Band and go into the Union?" The W. B. M. U. gave no uncertain sound in its answer, which was decisive and emphatic: "No, on no account must we give up our Mission Bands. The training of the children in this Mission work is part of our Constitution, we can never abandon it. Over the funds of the Junior Unions we have no control, but all moneys raised by our Mission Bands go to our own Treasurer."

Many of our workers remember the historical sketch of our Maritime Foreign Missions prepared by a former Secretary, Mr. John March. We felt we could not do without it. This book has been slightly enlarged and brought down to date by our present Secretary, Rev. J. W. Manning. It will meet a long felt need, especially among our Presidents of Aid Societies and Mission Bands. Send to Miss Margaret Wood, Amherst, N. S., for a copy. Only five cents each.

At St. Martin's, a Model Missionary Aid Meeting was conducted by Mrs. Cox, Prov. Sec. for N. B., and the paper which we give this month was prepared by Miss Clarke for that session.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, though sorry for the cause which made their return imperative. The physicians in England gave a more favourable opinion than those in India. We pray that the former may be correct, and that the absolute rest, combined with our cooler climate, may fully restore our brother.

## THE MODEL SOCIETY.

By Miss F. Clarke, Secretary for West Co., N. B.

I can remember when a child, how the word model alarmed me and generally filled me with dismay. A model was set before us; we were asked to draw something like it. Oh, my! time and again have I tried, only to find each attempt more unsatisfactory, as I looked at the beautiful model and then at my wretched drawing. Or a beautiful copy was placed in front of me and I was quietly told to write like it. Tremendous responsibility! I simply could not. So for me the word model has never borne much significance, only as something unattainable; something that it would be nice to arrive at, but which I, for one, simply could not. It is just possible that some here will feel much the same, when they hear the title of this paper, viz., Model Society, and will think, well; there will be nothing practical in that, any way.

My sisters, if, at the conclusion of this paper, any of you so feel in reference to it, the attempt to help will have been a wretched failure; for the writer most earnestly desires to help you and would place before you a Model Society which can be patterned after and which may perhaps benefit some one. We are but human. The Model Society has not, and never will attain, perfection. It can never be content, though, with standing still, or going back, but will ever strive to press on and do the right.

First, then, our Society must have its officers, and as these are chosen by the members, it is necessary that the Model Society exercise great care in their selection. Not every good woman makes a good officer.

First in order is the President. Will the members of the Model Society please dismiss the thought, that any one at all will do for a President? Sad to say, there are cases in which the president has seriously injured the work and made it difficult, indeed, for the members to go on with it. It is necessary, first of all, that the president be an earnest Christian. She must consult the Master about the work and ask guidance from Him. She must be able to guard her speech and be discreet enough to keep quiet once in a while, and not listen to and repeat all "they say."

Again, she must be popular. It is altogether wrong for a few to try and force an officer upon the Society, whom the majority do not care for. Neither must one or two, because the President is not just the one they wanted, refuse to work, and absent themselves from the meetings. To do so, would be to spoil the Model Society.

Next, it is desirable that the president be a public-spirited woman, one who recognizes the great need of a perishing multitude, and who longs to help them and will count it a joy to do what she can to advance the work.

Furthermore, our president must be conscientious; that is, having accepted the office, she must fill it as faithfully as she can. And last, but by no means least, she must be persevering and courageous, ready to deny self, if need be, that God may be glorified. It matters not whether she is a brilliant speaker, if only she is a true Christian woman.

Having selected our president, we will pass on to the Vice-Presidents, 1st and 2nd. In the Model Society we will find these women earnest workers with the President; ready to supply her place if need be, and always